

OVERSIGHT

Joint Committee on National Security

H. R. 54 Referred to Rules Committee
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S. 99 Referred to Armed Services Committee
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Membership

25 Members of Congress, including:

1. Speaker of the House of Representatives;
2. Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate and the House;
3. Chairmen and Ranking Minority members of the Senate Committees on Appropriations, Armed Services, and Foreign Relations;
4. Chairmen and Ranking Minority members of the House Committees on Appropriations, Armed Services, and Foreign Affairs;
5. Chairman and Ranking Minority members of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy;
6. Two Majority and one Minority members of the Senate as appointed by the President of the Senate;
7. Two Majority and one Minority members of the House as appointed by the Speaker of the House.

The Joint Committee shall select a chairman and a vice-chairman from among its members.

Functions

1. To make a continuing study of the foreign, domestic, and military policies of the U. S. to determine if they are integrated in furtherance of the national security;

2. To make a continuing study of the National Security Council with particular emphasis on the goals, strategies, and alternatives of foreign policy considered by the Council;

3. To make a continuing study of, and make recommendations regarding government practices of classification and declassification of documents.

Reports

The Joint Committee shall make reports not less than once each year to the Senate and House with respect to its studies. The reports shall contain such findings, statements, and recommendations as the Joint Committee considers appropriate.

Powers

Make expenditures; employ personnel; adopt rules respecting its organization and procedures; hold hearings; subpoena witness and documents (subpoenas may be issued over signature of the chairman or any member designated by him or the Joint Committee); use on a reimbursable basis the services of personnel, information, and facilities of an agency with the prior consent of the agency concerned; procure printing and binding; hire consultants; utilize the services of any staff member of House or Senate committees or subcommittees with the consent of the committee concerned.